

House Bill 1657

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To create the Clayton County Missing Children Bureau; to provide for staffing and support;  
2 to provide for reports and investigations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
3 laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 There is created the Clayton County Missing Children Bureau. The sheriff of Clayton  
7 County or his or her designee shall be the chief of the bureau, and the personnel and  
8 resources of the sheriff's office shall be applied to the bureau. The bureau shall receive and  
9 process reports of children who are missing without explanation or where foul play is  
10 suspected, are known or suspected to have run away, or are known or suspected to be  
11 habitually truant. The bureau shall be the chief local law enforcement agency in Clayton  
12 County to investigate reports of missing children, to request the assistance of the Georgia  
13 Bureau of Investigation in such investigations, and to coordinate the efforts of other law  
14 enforcement agencies in such investigations. Funds necessary to employ ten additional  
15 deputies and operate the bureau shall be included in the budget of the sheriff's office and  
16 shall be provided by the governing authority of Clayton County.

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.